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William P. Bundy Affirmed as Editor Of Foreign Affairs

David Rockefeller reaffirmed yesterday the appointment of William P. Bundy as editor of the quarterly journal Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Rockefeller's action, in the form of a memorandum to fellow members of the Council on Foreign Relations, which publishes the quarterly, followed protests by some members who objected to Mr. Bundy's role in American involvement in the conflict in Vietnam.

Mr. Bundy served as Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs during the period of major build-up of United States forces in Vietnam.

Mr. Rockefeller, chairman of the board of the council, a privately sponsored group with

headquarters at 55 East 68th Street, said the board was reaffirming "with confidence" its decision to appoint Mr. Bundy. He said, "Let me emphasize that this conclusion was reached despite the fact that many members of the board, as well as many other members of the council who support the appointment, have disagreed in varying degree with the wisdom of United States Vietnam policy."

He said that Mr. Bundy, appointed to succeed Hamilton Fish Armstrong, was not selected because of his views on the Vietnam conflict, nor was Bayless Manning appointed president of the Council last April because he was an opponent of the Government's Vietnam policy.

He said: "The board hopes that both will be judged by the manner in which they carry out their duties at the council rather than by their individual views and actions on any particular issue, no matter how important, which has

arisen or may arise in regard to the conduct of foreign policy."